

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

All the claims have been rejected as being obvious under 35 USC 103 over JPO2001250678A ("Akatsu") in view of one or more secondary references. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

It is noted that the primary reference Akatsu was published on September 14, 2001. The present application, however, is entitled to a foreign priority date of June 4, 2001. Therefore, Akatsu can be eliminated as effective prior art against the present claimed invention by submitting a verified English translation thereof.

With the submission of such a verified English translation of Akatsu, all the prior art rejections of record must be withdrawn.

A verified English translation of Akatsu to perfect the claim for priority is being submitted herewith.

Based on all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in proper condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action to this effect and early passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions, suggestions or objections, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned in order to facilitate reaching a resolution of any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,
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